

Mirror editorials, etc.

Transformer and PCB's

The recent fiasco with those electrical transformers off Peck Avenue is a lesson local residents and city officials should remember.

And it was a fiasco. The residents of the neighborhood requested city help on the matter about half a year ago — that's six months ago.

They asked the city to find out if the transformers were hazardous to their health. After all, there have been many instances lately that electrical transformers found lying around contained the cancer-causing agents PCB's.

After waiting about five months, these residents again asked for city help.

And that's where the fiasco begins.

The city again referred the matter to the state's Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

Another month passed before the residents asked council to bring the matter to light at a council meeting. It was done so.

Council was told that the DER had not called back.

This is the point that the MIRROR jumped in.

The MIRROR called the DER. The DER said they would normally refer matters of that type to the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The MIRROR contacted the EPA in Philadelphia.

After talking with several people there, the MIRROR talked with a gentleman who handles PCB problems.

He said he knew nothing of the local situation, but that it was possible that the information was misplaced — not transferred to him.

"How about checking it out?" he was asked.

Maybe in a month, he replied.

Why?

Because there were only two people in his department to handle five states.

Comforting thought when you hear some of the stories about bureaucrats sitting around with nothing to do.

As it turns out, the Pennsylvania Power and Light Co. checked it out and was pretty sure there were no PCB's.

However, several days later the DER came to town, inspected the transformers and declared them safe.

And that's the story of the fiasco.

But is a small consolation to the residents of that neighborhood who were constantly exposed to something which has been proven to increase the chances of getting cancer.

If you'll pardon us saying this, it was as though they lived next door to a bomb — not knowing if it were armed or not.

And having to wait and wait and wait until someone decided to check it to see if it really were armed.

Asking for help

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COULD YOU BELIEVE October is almost halfway over?

GOLFEE.

Now that we have wasted 130 Levy strokes, we better start in on this week's column.

GREETINGS and salutations to Harvey J. Shook of Fifty-fourth St. in Carbondale.

Harvey recently spent three days in the Carbondale MIRROR office, discussing the fine art of creating paintings of ties.

HAVE TO PASS along this story we read about in the *Wyalusing (Pa.) Rocker-Courier*.

One young lady, a recent high school graduate, just returned home to her parents' house after spending several weeks participating at the Pennsylvania State University.

She returned home because the was disappointed with the social life there.

IN KEEPING up our battle of the names with Alice's Through the Looking Glass, we mention Tam Williamson here.

And we mention Bill Wormuth this week so that Claude is represented this week.

AND SO on and so on to offend anyone in Forest City, we mention Atlanta's mailman Jim McUser of that borough.

WE WOULD mention some more names, but Alice and son is copying me off his list and the took it away from us.

But I had to really come in here.

IT'S TIME FOR A STORY.

Listen, my friends and you shall hear of the midnight ride of St. Francis.

St. Francis was a saint.

Let's see, where did we put that folder with stories?

Will you settle for a joke?

Playing the stock market, these resemble a bunch of children's games.

hop Scotch, leap frog, and blind man's bluff.

NOTE: A family byname will be conducted by the Scranon V. W. C. A. at Van Stief Farm on Friday, Oct. 30, 8:30 p.m.

The group will meet at the V. W. C. A. 2301 St. Clair St., Scranton.

MY BE WHITE that said, we'll have fun up before our boss realizes what we meant in that.

See you next week.

We have to go along with city council on their seeking state help on formulating the 1982 city budget.

It would have been all too easy for them to say: let's not, it will embarrass the city.

The way we see it, it is better for the city to suffer this small embarrassment than for it to again hear the national media's attention should it again be threatened with a cutoff of utilities.

That was embarrassing!

Stop signs are needed

Being a forced motorist (the way our car uses gasoline around town, we would walk if we could), we have seen too many places where stop signs are needed in the area.

One spot in particular is along North Scott Street.

There are a couple of intersecting streets that carry no stop signs.

Since we are aware of the situation, we drive through those intersections slowly, watching out for the other guy.

But those motorists from out of town would be unaware of the lack of stop signs.

Their ignorance of the situation should not be one for which they have to pay — through an automobile accident.

Let's correct this oversight before it's too late.

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Mirror consumer news

Carbondale area recipe exchange

Cookie, tomato recipes given

Thumbprint Cookies

1/2 cup soft shortening (half butter)

1/2 cup brown sugar (packed)

1 egg yolk

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 egg white

1/4 cup finely chopped nuts.

Heat oven to 350° F. Mix shortening, brown sugar, egg yolk, and vanilla thoroughly. Blend flour and salt; stir together with shortening mixture.

Roll 1 teaspoon dough into balls. Dip in slightly beaten egg white.

Roll in nuts. Place 1" apart on ungreased baking sheet; press thumb gently into centers. Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Cool. Fill holes with jelly or tinted confectioner sugar icing.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

P.S., I always use raspberry jelly but you can use any kind.

This is a good recipe for now when people have left over green tomatoes — Cora Road, Jersey.

Green Tomato Bread

The following is a favorite recipe from V.V. of Carbondale.

Indicators help to make decisions

How reliable are the economic indicators commonly used to describe economic trends?

Can the Consumer Price Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, or other well-known indicators, be trusted to help you reach important personal financial decisions? The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, has this to say:

"Use the indicators, but understand their limitations."

According to John B. Kallala, CPA, president of the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, "Certain indicators are useful in helping people understand the direction the economy is currently taking."

Here are the chief indicators with advice from the CPAs on how to apply them to personal financial questions.

(CPI):

The CPI is the most commonly used measure of the cost of living. Salaries and pension plans are frequently scaled by this index.

Which rates the increase or decrease in the cost of food, housing, clothing, medical care and transportation.

Calculated monthly, the index tracks the direction and rate of living costs.

Last year, according to the CPI, the cost of living increased more than 12 percent. The CPI has decreased slightly this year with an increase of only 10 percent from April 1980 to April 1981.

The first thing to do is to compare the CPI with your income. If your income did not increase at least 12 percent last year, your cost of living is rising.

When the interest rate on short term borrowing by the government, it means inflation is continuing. When rates drop, it means inflation may be slowing down.

Since these rates reflect the investment judgement of thousands of professional bond traders this index should be watched closely.

Prime Rate:

The prime rate measures the increase or decrease in the cost of credit or borrowing. Not only for the relatively few most credit-worthy business customers. Nevertheless, this rate influences other interest rates.

If the prime rate goes up, you can anticipate that interest rates on money market funds will also increase and you can expect higher yields on investments.

The Housing Starts:

This index measures the number of new housing units on which construction has begun. This index has been depressed since the mortgage interest rate began its upward surge in recent years.

Increased housing starts usually indicate a better market for home buyers.